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DOCUMENT PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING DOCUMENT PROCESSING PROGRAM RECORDED THEREIN

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 28, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.